GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing the National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the mission and achievements made so far under the mission;

(c) whether the Government proposes to attract FDI under the mission;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether this mission aims to benefit the palm growers directly in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Yes, the Government is implementing National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) in the country since 2014-15 to increase production and productivity of oilseeds and area expansion under oil palm.

(b): The details of the Mission and achievements under the Mission are at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Yes please. 100% FDI is allowed for oil palm and olive plantation. But the same can only be possible after declaring oil palm and olive as plantation crops by the State Governments. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is consistently pursuing the matter with the concerned States to declare oil palm and olive as plantation crops. States like Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra have given positive response.

(e) & (f): The mini mission II of NMOOP directly deals with oil palm area expansion. Oil palm growers are supported for planting materials, maintenance and intercropping for 4 years, pump sets, drip irrigations, vermin-compost, training etc. on oil palm under the Mission. The rate of assistance of various components available under MM-II of NMOOP is at Annexure-II.